By the King.

¶ A Proclamation for the eaſe of the Subiects in making their Compoſitions for not receiuing the Order of Knighthood, according to the Law.

WHereas Wee haue heretofore granted Our Commiſsion vnder Our Great Seale of England, to ſundry of the Lords, and others of Our Priuy Councell, to Treate and Compound with ſuch of Our louing Subiects, as by Law ought to make their Fines with Vs for not making their appearance at the time and place by Our Writts appointed for receiuing the Order of Knighthood, wherein our Commiſſioners haue ſo farre proceeded, that many haue Compounded with them, and payd their Fines agreed vpon accordingly, and Wee are reſolued conſtantly to hold the like courſe with all others, who are lyable by Law to pay the like Fines. Neuertheleſſe, becauſe many parts of this Our Kingdome are ſo remote from Our Citie of London, as the trauaile from thence hither would bee very chargeable and troubleſome, and at this time dangerous to draw them from their owne dwellings, to attend their Compoſitions at Our Cities of London or Weſtminſter: In fauour of Our good & louing Subiects whom it concerneth, wee haue reſolued to ſend Our Commiſſions to the ſeuerall Counties of this Our Realme, to whom they may with more eaſe and ſafety repaire for their diſpatch. Whereof wee haue thought fit by theſe preſents to giue notice to all whom it may concerne, hereby letting them know, that if they ſhall neglect this Our Grace, and not attend Our Commiſſioners in their ſeuerall Counties where they dwell, and with them make agreement on Our behalfe, that wee ſhall leaue them to the iuſt proceedings of Our Law, and to that end to attend Our Commiſſioners at Whitehall, or Our Court of Exchequer, and if it ſhall ſo fall out to be more charge or trouble vnto them, they ſhall haue iuſt cauſe to lay the blame vpon themſelues, and to acknowledge Our Grace and fauour, if in time it had beene accepted.

Giuen at Our Court at Saint Iames, the ſixt day of Iuly, in the ſixth yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God ſaue the King.

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